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Dear Sir:

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The Examiner is kindly requested to consider the foreign patent publications listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A Form, which were cited in the Office Action also cited on the PTO/SB/08A Form, during the examination of the above-identified application.

Regarding document JP-A-2002-137895, this document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,634,462.

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With respect to document JP-U-84598, this document relates to a lifting device having a gantry 1 and a crossbar 2, the ends of which are provided with brackets 3. One of the brackets 3 is connected to a hydraulic cylinder 4 supported by supporting member 6. Hydraulic cylinder 4 pushes a rod 7 horizontally. The tip of the rod 7 is connected to a moving member 8, which can move along a groove formed on the crossbar 2. A wire 11 suspends a chamber 12, which is lowered when the moving member 8 moves to the right.

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An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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